

REMARKS

A Notice of Appeal for this Application was submitted on April 11, 2006. An interview was held on September 8, 2006. The Applicant would like to express gratitude to the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the Applicant's attorney. During the interview, allowable subject matter was discussed. This Amendment is filed to present allowable claims, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to withdraw the appeal. Claim 1 is amended to the subject matter indicated as allowable in the Non-Final Office Action on October 26, 2005. Claims 7, 8, and 10-25 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file continuation and/or divisional applications to cover the canceled subject matter. New claims 26-46 are added. New claims are supported by the application as originally filed. Specifically, claims 26-29 and 34-37 find support in original claims 18-21. Claims 30 and 38 find support, for example, in the specification on page 4, lines 3-12. Claim 31 finds support in original claim 1. Claims 32 and 33 find support in original claims 13 and 17, respectively. Claims 39-46 find support in the specification on page 15, lines 9-19. No new matter is added by this Amendment. After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-6, 9, 13, 17 and 26-46.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance.

Please apply fees for the Extension of Time (\$1020.00) and filing fee for Request for Continued Examination (\$790.00) and any other charges, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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